

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] The present application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application 10/282,356, ~~←filed October 29, 2002→~~ entitled ~~"Instrumentation and Methods For Use In Implanting an Artificial Intervertebral Disc"~~, now U.S. Pat. No. 7,169,182 (~~"the '182 patent"~~), which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/256,160, ~~←filed September 26, 2002→~~ entitled ~~"Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having Limited Rotation Using a Captured Ball and Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post"~~, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,989,032 (~~"the '032 patent"~~), which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/175,417, ~~←filed June 19, 2002→~~ entitled ~~"Artificial Intervertebral Disc Utilizing a Ball Joint Coupling"~~, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/151,280, ~~←filed May 20, 2002→~~ entitled ~~"Tension Bearing Artificial Disc Providing a Centroid of Motion Centrally Located Within an Intervertebral Space"~~, which is a continuation-in-part application of both U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/970,479, ~~←filed October 4, 2001→~~ entitled ~~"Intervertebral Spacer Device Utilizing a Spirally Slotted Belleville Washer Having Radially Extending Grooves"~~, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,669,730 (~~"the '730 patent"~~) as well as U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/140,153, ~~←filed May 7, 2002→~~ entitled ~~"Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having a Flexible Wire Mesh Vertebral Body Contact Element"~~, now abandoned, the former being a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/968,046, ~~←filed October 1, 2001→~~ entitled ~~"Intervertebral Spacer Device Utilizing a Belleville Washer Having Radially Extending Grooves"~~, now abandoned and the latter being a continuation-in-part application of both U.S. Pat. No. 6,669,730 ~~the '730 patent (detailed above)~~ as well as U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/128,619, ~~←filed April~~

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~~23, 2002) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Having a Flexible Wire Mesh Vertebral Body Contact Element", now U.S. Pat. No. 6,863,689 ("the '689 patent"), which is a continuation-in-part application of both U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/906,119<sub>L</sub> (filed July 16, 2001) and entitled "Trial Intervertebral Distraction Spacers", now U.S. Pat. No. 6,607,559 ("the '559 patent") as well as U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/982,148<sub>L</sub> (filed October 18, 2001) and entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Having Arch Shaped Spring Elements", now U.S. Pat. No. 6,673,113 ("the '113 patent").~~ All of the above mentioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their respective entireties.